



# CONVENTION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA

## PREAMBLE

The Governments of the States Parties to this Convention

Having participated in the work of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, which was established at Copenhagen in 1902 as a result of conferences held in Stockholm in 1899 and in Christiania in 1901 and entrusted with the task of carrying out a programme of international investigation of the sea

Desiring to provide a new constitution for the aforesaid Council with a view to facilitating the implementation of its programme

Have agreed as follows:

### ARTICLE 1

It shall be the duty of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, hereinafter referred to as the "Council",

- (a) to promote and encourage research and investigations for the study of the sea particularly those related to the living resources thereof;
- (b) to draw up programmes required for this purpose and to organise, in agreement with the Contracting Parties, such research and investigation as may appear necessary;
- (c) to publish or otherwise disseminate the results of research and investigations carried out under its auspices or to encourage the publication thereof.

### ARTICLE 2

The Council shall be concerned with the Atlantic Ocean and its adjacent seas and primarily concerned with the North Atlantic.

### ARTICLE 3

(1) The Council shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

(2) The seat of the Council shall remain at Copenhagen.

### ARTICLE 4

The Council shall seek to establish and maintain working arrangements with other international organisations which have related objectives and cooperate, as far as possible, with them, in particular in the supply of scientific information requested.

### ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties undertake to furnish to the Council information which will contribute to the purposes of this Convention and can reasonably be made available and, wherever possible, to assist in carrying out the programmes of research coordinated by the Council.

### ARTICLE 6

(1) Each Contracting Party shall be represented at the Council by not more than two delegates.